

ELLWOOD FARM  
Betterton, Maryland  
(1851)

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME** ELLWOOD FARM

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**  
STREET & NUMBER Southwest corner of Howell Point Road

1st

CITY, TOWN

Betterton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Gordon N. &amp; E.F. Lockhart

Telephone #: 609-654-6939

STREET & NUMBER  
Route 70

CITY, TOWN

Medford

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
New Jersey 08055**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Kent County Court House

Liber #: EHP 83

Folio #: 715

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Maryland Historical Trust, Survey of Kent County

DATE

1969

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust, The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Ellwood Farm house is located near the corner of the Betterton and Howell Point Roads. Sited on a hill, it faces north overlooking Betterton. The house is approached by a lane lined with old trees. There is a traffic circle in front of the house itself. Behind the house are farm buildings which date from the first half of the twentieth century.

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Sheltering the central entry of the house is a three bay by one bay entrance porch with square columns with bold molding at the capital and base and a flat roof. The main entry is large in scale with double doors four very narrow side lights and four rectangular transom lights.

Like the porch the roof has a box cyma recta crownmoldings and inboard gutters. The gable roof of the house and wing is finished with tapered vergeboards. Other exterior details have been obscured with a recent application of aluminum siding, but a wide pilasters at the corners and about 4" wide weather boards are the original sheathing. The gallery runs between the chimneys and is made of turned balusters and a hand rail.

Windows have 6 over 6 sash on both floors although those on the first are longer. Frames are plain with a 3/8" inside bead. Aluminum shutters replace the wooden ones which were hung on hinges screwed into the frame.

There are three gable dormers in each roof slope of the main house. These have 6 over 6 sash and a triangular decoration in the pediment.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1851

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Richard & Mary Turner

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The building once had extensive plantings and was well cared for until recently. Ellwood is now a tenant house, and its new skin of aluminum siding bodes ill for its survival.

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\* Forman, H.C., Maryland Architecture, a Short History from 1634 through the Civil War, p.31.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Forman, Henry Chandley. Maryland Architecture, A Short History from 1634 through the Civil War, (Cambridge: Tidewater Publishers, 1968.)

Kent County Land Records, Kent County Court House, Chestertown, Maryland

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600, ext. 67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The side wing has simple detailing and a brick chimney enclosed in the gable. On the rear an open shed and a garage have been appended to the wing.


Also on the rear facade, the rear entry has a four panel door with a transom light and side lights.

The house is laid out in a standard central hall plan with two rooms per floor. Interior rooms and halls are spacious and large in scale. First floor window and door trim is about 6" wide and plain except for a triangular door head and the tall four panel doors have simple panel edges, porcelain knobs, excutcheons, and key-hole covers. Second floor and attic trim is similiar, but simpler.

The dog-leg central stair is open to the attic floor. It has an open string with vertical paneled spandrel. The balusters are round and tapered, the handrail is round and the bold newel is turned.

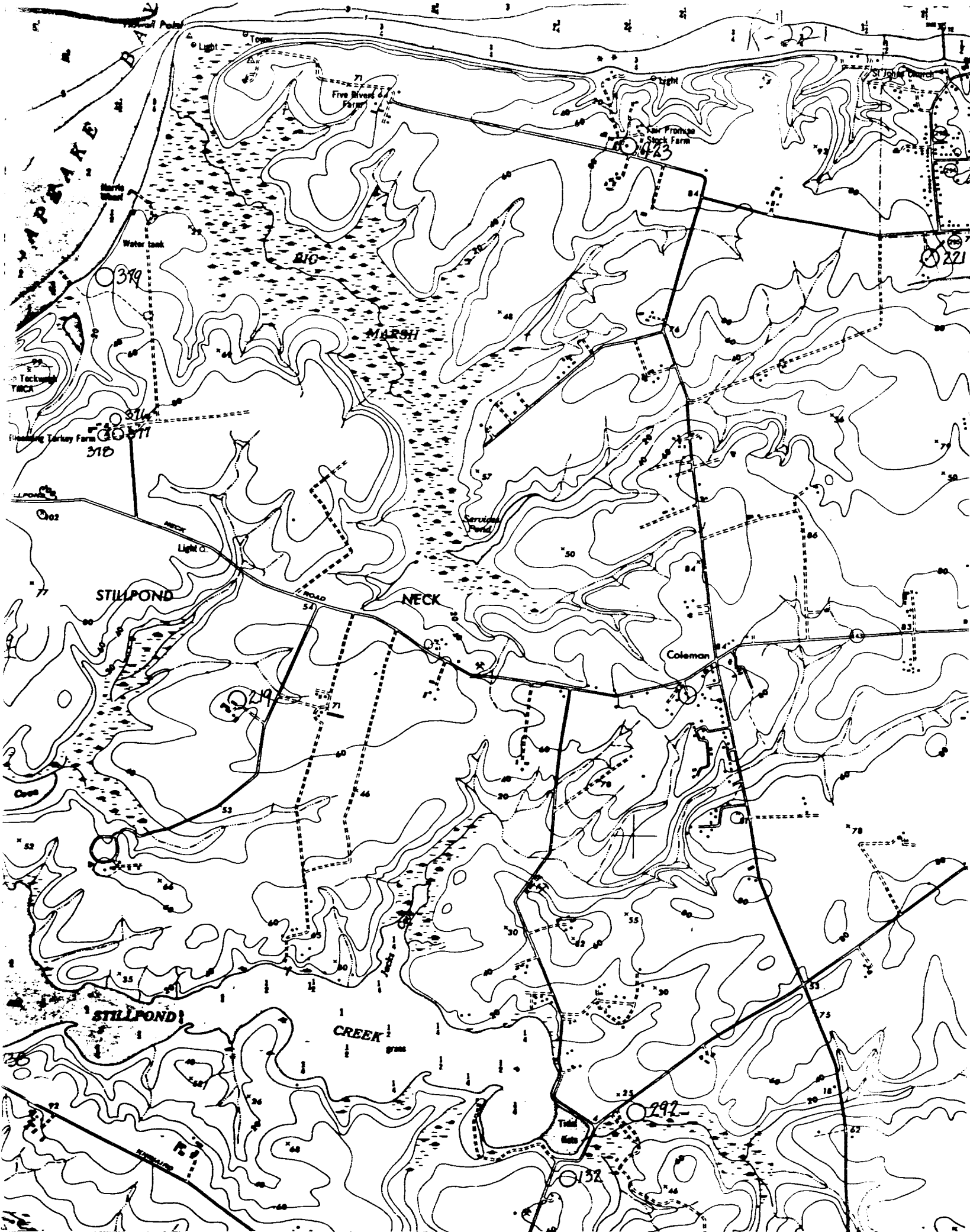
The kitchen wing has been modernized on the first floors, but the servants quarters on the second floor remain intact.

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<p>1. STATE <b>Maryland</b>  COUNTY <b>Kent</b>  TOWN <b>Betterton</b> VICINITY  STREET NO. <b>Howell Pt. Rd., .1 mile west of</b>  <b>Rt. 292, (south)</b>  ORIGINAL OWNER <b>Richard Turner</b>  ORIGINAL USE <b>dwelling</b>  PRESENT OWNER <b>Arthur H. Brice</b>  PRESENT USE <b>dwelling</b>  WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>frame</b>  NO. OF STORIES <b>2½</b></p>		<p style="text-align: center;">HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <b>K 221</b></p> <p>2. NAME <b>ELLWOOD FARM</b>  DATE OR PERIOD <b>1851</b>  STYLE <b>Georgian</b>  ARCHITECT  BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>	
<p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION</p> <p style="text-align: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC <b>no</b></p>			
<p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered    <b>no</b>    Interior    Exterior    <b>good</b></p>			
<p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p> <p></p> <p>3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)  INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.  <b>Forman, H.C., Maryland Architecture,</b>  <b>Tidewater publishers, 1968, p.61, 63.</b></p>		<p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p> <p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER  <b>Michael Bourne</b></p> <p>DATE OF RECORD    <b>March, 1969</b></p>	

Ellwood Farm House is a mid-19th century frame house which is built on a granite foundation. It is five bays long, two bays deep and stands  $2\frac{1}{2}$  storys. On each facade is a small porch covering the central door, which has sidelights and transom. The sash is 6/6 throughout and the first and second storys have louvered shutters. There are three dormers on each side of the "A" roof and the box cornice contains the gutter. Atop the ridge of the roof, between the two brick chimneys in the gables is a balustraded captain's walk, where it is presumed, one can see the bay and mouth of the Sassafras River. On its west end is a lower two story frame wing, three bays long.







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Ellwood Farm

View to South

M.L. Fritz

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